

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Work Session Meeting of June 5, 2007

Chairman McArdle called the meeting to order at 4:02PM. Board members present were Boyd Jackson, Richard Gandt, Steve Clark, and Richard Carlson. Chairman McArdle talked to both Roger Hale and Heinz Itzo of Caitlin Lane regarding the noise complaint at 120 High St. In speaking with Martha Morrison, Chairman McArdle advised them to send a letter to the Planning Board regarding this noise. Chairman McArdle had also spoken to the Inspector of Buildings; and, he said he would research the Building Code to see if anything was noted regarding hours contractors are allowed to work in a residential area. Another further possibility would be for the Inspector of Buildings to put restrictions directly on the building permit process.

Chairman McArdle stated the purpose of this Working Session was to define who was responsible for Annual Appointments to Boards/Commissions and Committees; that is either the Board of Selectman or the Town Administrator. Much discussion surrounded the Board Members' understanding of the parameters regarding the Town Administrator's authority to make certain Appointments. Selectmen Clark and Gandt, who served as a sub committee of two on this issue, were in disagreement as to the appointment authority for most appointments. Selectmen Clark and Gandt were in agreement, however, that the Town Administrator appoints those who are paid employees of the Town. Selectman Clark made a motion to follow the chart of Committee/Board/Commission designed by Selectman Gandt displaying who would do which appointments; and, where there were a discrepancies between both Selectman, the Town Administrator would submit recommendations to the Board for final approval. The motion was seconded by Selectman Jackson, so voted; 4-1. Selectman Gandt opposed the motion.

On a separate issue, Selectman Clark announced he had been contacted by Kopleman & Paige stating that the Attorney Generals Office has raised some questions regarding the bylaw creating the position of Town Administrator. The bylaw was voted at the Special Town Meeting on March 1, 2005. However, it was not forwarded to the Attorney General's office by the Town Clerk until late March 2007. Kopleman & Paige has provided a draft letter for the Board to review which answers the questions raised by the Attorney Generals office. There being a 90 day window for a response and the lateness of the Board being notified, action needed to taken immediately. Selectman Clark made a motion to approve the letter as drafted from Kopleman & Paige attorney Lauren Goldberg, dated June 5, 2007 to the Assistant Attorney General, Robert W. Ritchie, Esq., seconded by Selectman Gandt, so voted; 5-0. Discussion on possibly proposing changes to the bylaw verbiage for 2008 Town Meeting was discussed.

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of **\$184,935.03**. The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY07:

097T	\$ 76,160.35
098	\$108,774.68

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Board of Selectmen's Office

Approved as amended at the June 11, 2007 Board of Selectmen meeting.

